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Hello:

Please consider participating in a conference call next week to discuss the development of an assessment method for Minnesota's 10 mg/L sulfate water quality standard designed to protect wild rice water production waters. The MPCA is developing a method to assess waters against the standard for inclusion on the 2014 impaired waters list. In preparation of that list, the MPCA will consider all existing ambient sulfate data and wild rice information that meets the criteria established in the forthcoming methodology.

Prior to contacting other potentially interested parties we would like to have a preliminary discussion with you about how to solicit and collect data for consideration in the upcoming assessment. I apologize for the short notice. The timeline for the method development, data collection, and assessment activities is tight and is driven by a need to complete the assessments during the summer of 2013 and submit the list to EPA for review during the third quarter of 2013. In order to meet these deadlines we need to receive data for consideration from external sources by May 1, 2013. If there is interest in having follow up discussions after this call we would be happy to facilitate that.

I will follow up early next week with dial in information for the Friday February 22, 2013 conference call.

Please contact me if you have questions.

Thank you very much for your participating in this discussion with us!

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